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In writing native, I have used the "vowels" according to the following table of their sounds: —

a — as *a* in *father*.
e — as *a* in *hate*.
i — as *e* in *mete* [to measure].
o — as *o* in *hope*.
u — as *oo* in *moon*.
ai — as *i* in *mine*.
"i" at the end of words with ˘ over it [ĭ] — as *i* and *y* in *pity* and *city*.

The "consonants" are sounded as follows: —

b — as in *bed*.
d — as in *dead*.
dh — as in *though*.
g — as in *good* [always hard].
h — aspirate.
k — as in *king*.
l — as in *long*.
m — as in *mat*.
n — as in *new*.
p — as in *pet*.
r — as in *rope*.
t — as in *top*.
th — as in *think*.
w — as in *wit* [always consonantal].
y — as in *yet* [ditto].
ng — nasal [use as if at the end of a word, only dropping the vowel].

The language is without the letters *f*, *v*, *s*, and *z*.

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